GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

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Geraniums for House Plants & Flower Gardens

Geraniums are among the most useful of flowering plants. In fact, we should not limit our praise to those which produce blooms. There are many fine geraniums which are of value as foliage plants.

As house plants, the attractive white, pink, and red blooms bring real cheerfulness into the home during the cold days of winter. If you have trouble providing adequate light to promote flowering during these cloudy months, you may enjoy the beauty and fragrance of the scented varieties.

Buy some geranium plants now from your florist or garden center. They will serve two purposes, by adding beauty to your home during the spring months, and providing a source of cuttings to start plants for your flower beds and borders.

Many of the new geraniums produce an abundance of large attractive flowers and are excellent in the house of outdoors. Ask your florist or greenhouse grower for some of the new varieties which tolerate hot weather. These new types will add beautiful color to your garden all summer, and not stop growing during hot weather as the older varieties do.

Your geraniums will grow in any kinds of pot as long as the soil is well drained. Plastic pots in subdued colors are very practical. They are more attractive and easier to keep clean than the old-style clay pots. Be sure the size and color are not so conspicuous as to detract from the plant.

Give your geraniums as much light as possible. Direct sunlight is needed if your plants are to continue blooming during the late winter and early spring. Fluorescent lights will help promote good growth, but light from the sun or incandescent lamps are needed to maintain flowering.

Have you ever tried to raise geraniums from seed? Several fine disease-resistant varieties are now available. These will add variety to your indoor gardening and give you some interesting types for use as bedding plants next summer. The Carefree, Nittany Lion, and Read strains are useful as house plants, or for the outdoor garden.

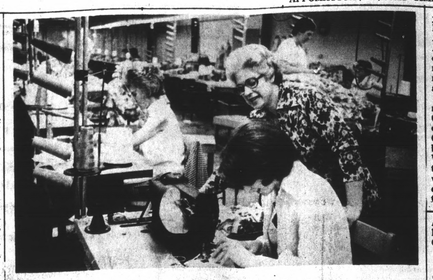
Plant geranium seeds not later than during March. The young plants will be large enought to transplant to your outdoor flower beds in May. They should then produce an abundance of blooms during the entire summer. Plant the seeds in sterilized potting soil, covering them about one-fourth-inch deep.

The germination of geranium seeds may be somewhat uneven but do not be concerned. The first seedlings should appear in about five days, and others may continue to emerge for several weeks. Transplant into three-or four-inch pots and keep in full sun to avoid leggy growth. Your geraniums need plenty of moisture but the soil must not be allowed to become waterlogged. Promote good green growth with a soluble house plant fertilizer. Apply a diluted solution every two or three weeks, and avoid an excess which might increase vegetative growth and reduce flowering.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Pecan Pie

1 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
3 eggs
¼ cup melted butter
1 tsp. vanilla flavoring
1 cup pecans
1 pie shell, unbaked (9 inch)

Mix sugar, syrup and eggs; add butter, vanilla and nuts. Mix well; pour into pie shell. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees; bake for 30 minutes longer. This recipe can be doubled and will make 3 pies.



Sangil Is Producing Finished Product

Sangil Industries, having opened March 1,1976, in their new building on Route 460 West of Appomattox, is now producing finished products as contractors of wearing apparel.

Out of 400 to 500 applications received, forty-five workers have been employed with five or six new operators being taken on each day. When the wearing apparel operation gets into full production, approximately 200 workers will be employed by Sangil Industries.

Sam Ferguson and Gilbert Trujillo are plant operators and according to Trujillo they are pleased with production after the first week of work.

Clover Hill Manufacturing Company, Appomattox, was contractor for the 25,000 square foot work area and the 6,000 square foot office area building.

THE FINISHED PRODUCT comes off the assembly line at the newly opened Sangil Industries located on Route 460 West of Appomattox. Sangil is contractor for wearing apparel. Forty-five employees are now on the job and five to six are being added each day. When production gets into full swing, there will be approximately 200 workers employed at the new factory.

YANKEE DOODLE COMES TO TOWN

"Yankee Doodle" comes to town March 26 and March 27 in the form of a broadway musical comedy at Appomattox County High School.

The talents of the senior class will shine as they sing and dance in a comical atmosphere. Two performances will be given nightly for the public at 8 p.m. Advance tickets will be available.

The play, sponsored by the seniors of ACHS should prove to rank among the highest of the community Bicentennial presentations.

Meet Roy Cheatham With Westvaco

As Cooperative Forest Management (CFM) forester at the Appomattox Westvaco location, Roy Cheatham stays on the go. If you made it to the 1975 Virginia State Fair, you may have seen him there. He helped man the Environmental Center sponsored by Virginia Forests, Incorporated and answered visitors' questions on forestry.

Based at the central office in Appomattox, Roy is working with woodland owners in Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Buckingham, Campbell, and Cumberland counties. Through the CFM Program he is helping them with their forest management questions and objectives.

While attending Appomattox County High School, Roy was an active member of the Future Farmers of America. He served as the chapter's secretary and participated on the Forestry Juding Team.

Roy Cheatham, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cheatham of Route 1, Spout Spring, is a forestry graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where he was involved in Forestry Club activities and was elected to membership in Phi Sigma, Xi Sigma Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi.

He came to work with Westvaco's Bleached Board Division in June of 1972, as a forester with Wood Procurement responsibilities at Bedford, Brookneal, and Kelly Woodyards. He was later transferred and assumed similar responsibilities at woodyards in Caskie and Dillwyn. Roy began working in CFM in April, 1975. As a native of Appomattox County, Roy has established a friendly working relationship with many area residents during his daily activities.

A bachelor, Roy presently resides at Thomas Terrace, Concord, where he is a member of Reedy Spring Baptist Church. After work he keeps busy by taking advantage of Westvaco's Educational Assistance Plan. He is currently working toward a master's degree in Business Administration at Lynchburg College.

APPOMATTOX HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION CLUB

The Appomattox Homemakers Extension Club will meet on March 16, 1976 at the Home Extension Office. Please bring Bicentennial Ideas. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting.

Older Worker Seminars Planned By VEC

The Virginia Employment Commission will hold three seminars during National Employ the Older Worker Week, March 8-12, 1976, for the purpose of assisting workers 40 to 65 years of age in securing jobs. On March 10, the first seminar will be held for professional and clerical workers, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Virginia Employment Commission, 1912 Memorial Ave. The second seminar will be held at the same time and place on March 11, and people interested in any occupations other than clerical and professional are invited. The third seminar will be for employers in the area and will be held at the Commission office on March 12, from 11 to 12 o'clock. Anyone interested in further information about these meetings is invited to call the Virginia Employment Commission.

The meetings with job-seekers will cover such subjects as how to prepare an application or a resume, how to participate in a job interview, how to secure job training, and other questions of interest.

The meeting with employers will acquaint them with possible on-the-job training programs and bring to their attention qualified applicants who attended the meetings on the two previous days.

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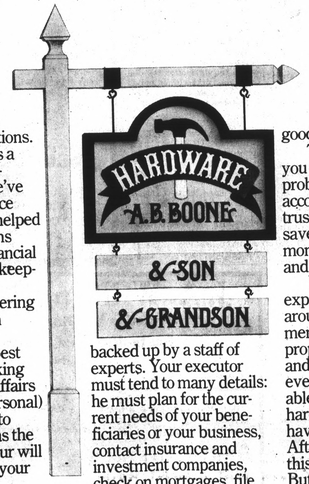

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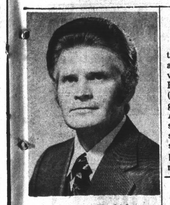

Dr. James Buskirk

DISTRICT LAYMENS RALLY SET FOR 7:30 P.M. TONIGHT

Tonight, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a meeting at Fort Hill United Methodist Church for all the men in the Lynchburg District. The purpose of this meeting is to inspire and to get the men of the church more actively involved in their church and in the mission of the church.

Dr. James Buskirk of Atlanta, Ga. will be the guest speaker for the evening. Dr. Buskirk holds the Chair of Evangelism at Candler School of Theology of Emory University. A real dedicated Christian and a dynamic speaker, he has spent 17 years as a pastor.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955 from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. At the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, he completed his Master of Divinity in 1959. He completed the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology at the Atlanta Interseminary Graduate Institute through Candler School of Theology in 1974.

His wife, Nancy, is a graduate of Emory University and they have two children.

A. G. Jefferson with Mrs. Betty Leftwich at the piano and Roger Dowdy at the organ will lead the congregational singing. The Rev. Leon A. Lawrence will be the director of a large combined choir made up of members of local churches.

On Dean's List

Sharon Johnson Robinson, daughter of Mrs. Nellie J. Bryant of Route 3, has been named to the dean's list of honor students at Hollins College, Va.

To attain this distinction, Ms. Robinson compiled at least a 3.4 averate on a 4.0 scale for her last semester's work. Ms. Robinson, a graduate of Appomattox County High School, is a junior art major at the woman's college.

Huddleston Church News

The Huddleston United Methodist Charge of four churches announces special Lenton services for six weeks prior to Easter. Beginning March 7, (The first Sunday in Lent) and going through Palm Sunday, April 11, they will have worship services in every church every sabbath by using guest speakers. This doubles the preaching services since one minister can only speak at two each sabbath. The schedule is as follows: **March 7** Patmos and Independence 10 a.m., Huddleston and Mt. Horeb at 11:15 a.m. **March 14** is Huddleston and Patmos 10 a.m. and Independence and Mt. Horeb at 11:15 a.m. **March 21** Patmos and Huddleston 10 a.m. and Mt. Horeb and Independence 11:15 a.m. **March 28** Independence and Patmos 10 a.m. And Huddleston and Mt. Horeb 11:15 a.m. **April 4** Patmos and Independence 10 a.m. and Mt. Horeb and Huddleston 11:15 a.m. **April 11** Huddleston and Patmos 10 a.m. and Independence and Mt. Horeb 11:15 a.m. The All Age Fellowship service will be held at the Huddleston Church each of the sabbath nights at 7:30 p.m. A Study on the "Seven Finest Days of Jesus" will be taught each Sunday night in the adult group. The youth will continue their Bible study and song service.

The Patmos United Methodist Women meet March 5 at the Parsonage with Mrs. Freddie Davidson host. This is also the "World Day of Prayer" and will be observed. Mrs. Curtis Dellis is President.

The Huddleston Church United Methodist Women meet March 11 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Guy Arthur is president.

The Huddleston Church choir meets March 3 at 7:30 p.m. to prepare for Lenten season services.

The Huddleston PTA meets March 9 with Charles Mitchell presiding. The program will be especially designed for guidance teachers etc from high schools to come and talk to the 7th grade students and parents. Mrs. Catherine Howell is program chairman.

The Huddleston Ruritans meet Wed., March 10 at 7:15 p.m. in the Life Saving Crew Building.

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Red Oak WMU Entertains Young People

The WMU of Red Oak Baptist Church entertained the Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors with a spaghetti dinner on March 5. Those attending were Renee and Tammy Marsh, Lisa and Chuckie Rogers, Brad Mann, Trudy Harris, Leon and Jill Hudson, Lisa, Mike and Steve Maddox, Tracy Woody and guests - Ricky Mayberry and Mary Slifko. The leaders of the organization were also present. They are Dewey and Jean Maddox, Roy and Iris Woody, Don and Martha Hudson, and Rev. G. E. Hughes.

After dinner, several games were enjoyed by all.

BIRTHDAYS

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